

# **Iowa Power Fund Bill Senate File 599**

Last Action:

**Senate Floor**

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## **Executive Summary Only**

**AN ACT establishing the office of energy independence and the Iowa power fund and related provisions, making appropriations, and providing an effective date.**

**Fiscal Services Division  
Legislative Services Agency**

### **NOTES ON BILLS AND AMENDMENTS (NOBA)**

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**APPROPRIATION**

- Makes an FY 2007 General Fund supplemental appropriation of \$24.7 million to the Office of Energy Independence for deposit into the Iowa Power Fund. Of the moneys appropriated, \$2.5 million is appropriated to the Department of Economic Development for workforce training and economic development funds for community colleges to be used to develop and expand energy industry areas.
- Appropriates \$25.0 million each year, beginning in FY 2009 through FY 2011, for deposit in the Iowa Power Fund. Of the moneys appropriated to the Iowa Energy Independence Office, a minimum of 10.0% is allocated for energy planning, energy education, and energy efficiency. Of the moneys appropriated, \$2.5 million is appropriated to the Department of Economic Development for workforce training and economic development funds for community colleges to be used to develop and expand energy industry areas.

**OFFICE OF ENERGY  
INDEPENDENCE**

- Creates an Office of Energy Independence to coordinate State activities concerning energy independence. The Director is to be appointed by the Governor and subject to Senate confirmation. The Iowa Power Fund is to be used to cover administrative costs of the Office.

**IOWA ENERGY INDEPENDENCE  
PLAN**

- Requires the Director to develop an Iowa Energy Independence Plan with the assistance of the Department of Natural Resources and public and private partnerships as selected by the Director. The plan is subject to the approval of the Iowa Power Fund Board.
- Requires an annual plan to be submitted to the General Assembly and the Governor's Office by December 14, beginning December 14, 2007.

**IOWA POWER FUND BOARD**

- Establishes an 18-member Iowa Power Fund Board. The Board is responsible for approving grants, loans, investments, and other financial incentives made from the Iowa Power Fund. Additional Board duties include advising the Governor on strategic direction of the Fund and directing moneys from the Fund to purchase private or public technical assistance needed to conduct due diligence activities and to develop an Iowa Energy Independence Plan.

**DUE DILLIGENCE COMMITTEE**

- Establishes a seven-member Due Diligence Committee to review applications that come before the Board for financial assistance from the Iowa Power Fund.

**IOWA POWER FUND**

- Creates a non-reversionary Iowa Power Fund in the State Treasury under the control of the Office of Energy Independence. The Fund is to be used to further the goals of the Office, including technologies and practices to reduce the State's dependence on foreign sources of energy and fossil fuels.
- Moneys available in this Fund are to be used in providing financial assistance to entities conducting business, research, or programs in Iowa.

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ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

- Requires the Iowa Power Board, with the assistance of the Office of Energy Independence and other appropriate State agencies, to adopt administrative rules regarding financial incentives for renewable energy products.

STUDIES AND REQUIRED REPORTS

- Requires the Office of Energy Independence to submit an annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly concerning the activities and programs of the Office, by November 1 of each year. The Iowa Utilities Board (IUB) is required to conduct a study of energy efficiency plans and programs offered by all gas and electric utilities and to report the results with recommendations to the General Assembly by January 1, 2008. The IUB and the Iowa Energy Center are required to conduct a consumer survey regarding consumer knowledge of energy use and efficiency and report the results to the General Assembly by January 1, 2008.